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Secretary Alexander Haig
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Secretary Haig:

Hypocrisy in international politics is not a new phenomenon. The United Nations, for example, has provided a free platform for "would be" and experienced hypocrites for years. There could even be a case made for why hypocrisy is a valuable tool in international politics. Russia certainly has been using it extremely well for its convenience.

The epitome, however, of international hypocrisy is reserved for the Western world in its relation with the Middle East. Ever since the importance of oil was demonstrated to the West after the surprise attack on Israel by the Arab countries during 1973 Yom Kipur, the so called "Free World" enslaved itself, of its own free will, to the Arabian despots.

Further, when our Masters declare a holy war on Israel, or declare that Israel has to be eliminated by Pan Arabian atomic bombs; we, the slaves, attribute our Masters' words to rhetoric. When the PLO slaughters children in an Israeli settlement or when the Syrians commit a genocide against the Christian community in Lebanon, we turn our heads the other way and explore new ways to augment the arsenal of war making equipment of our Masters. When Israel declares that it is ready to sign a peace treaty with any and all of its enemies who are at an official state of war with it since 1948, and that it will never allow or tolerate the existence of PLO or other terrorist bases on its borders, it is characterized as an inflexible, intransigent nation threatening the peace in the Middle East.

We talk about protecting the Middle East from Russian influence, but refuse to recognize that Israel is the only democratic force which has front line capabilities in that respect.

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[illegible] the community of nations will continue its
[illegible] in the U. N. and in other international arenas
[illegible] of Israel. We simply cannot afford an in-
[illegible] [illegible] it is a matter of life and
[illegible] billions of dollars and cents.

Sincerely yours,

World secretly grateful to Israel

William Safire

Iraq unsuitable custodian of nuclear weapons

by George F. Will

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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June 27, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [illegible] Leader (Chairman)
[illegible] Spiegel
[illegible] Mitchell
[illegible] Pelletreau
[illegible] Boright
[illegible] Wolfowitz

SUBJECT: Submission of Written Responses to Questions Raised during the June 27 HFAC Hearing on the Israeli Attack on Iraqi Nuclear Facilities

S/S Action Officers: Dick Lang, [illegible] Room 7241, Ext. 20348
Roger Kanuth, Room 7261, Ext. 21522

Attached is a list of items which were requested to be provided for the record during the hearing. The list is not meant to be exclusive. Please consult the transcript which will be submitted separately.

Relevant bureaus shall prepare responses and clear with the other participating bureaus and S/P. The final papers should be prepared in an original and one copy on one side of the page and should bear the date of the hearing, page and line number in the upper right hand corner of each insert. Drafting and clearing information for each should be placed on a separate sheet of paper.

Please note paragraph three of the attached letter from the subcommittee requesting that classified responses need to be bracketed in red. While the subcommittees hope as much as possible will be provided in unclassified form, classified responses may also be required.

The material must be delivered to the subcommittees on Monday, June 29. The final papers are due in S/S-S no later

Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 19, 1981

Mr. G. Eugene Martin
Legislative Management Officer
Office of Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Gene:

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript of the joint hearing held by the Subcommittees on International Security and Scientific Affairs and on Europe and the Middle East held on June 17, 1981 on the Israeli Attack on Iraqi Nuclear Facilities at which several representatives of the Department of State testified.

Please have the witnesses make any necessary editorial corrections (on their portion of the transcript o). In addition, enclosed is list of items which were requested to be provided for the record. This list is not meant to be all inclusive nor does it imply that the Department should not supply other information which it feels necessary to clarify any points.

On those responses which will be submitted in classified form, please bracket in red those portions of the responses which are classified.

We would appreciate receiving the corrected transcript and additional material for the record no later than Monday, June 29, 1981.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

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[illegible]ebet, Staff Assistant

MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

Page Line	Information Requested	Of Whom	Requested By
p. 14, l. 298	Re: U.S. intelligence to Israel has been a factor in Israel's decision. Did we tell them we did not feel the reactor was to be used to make bombs?	Stoessel	Chm. Zablocki
p. 20, l. 718	What is the earliest date that Iraq could have produced a nuclear device?	Stoessel	Chm. Zablocki
p. 30, l. 423	What is the earliest date Iraq could have produced a deliverable nuclear weapon?	Stoessel	Chm. Zablocki
p. 31, l. 46	How long would it have taken the [illegible] get a bomb?	Dorigh	Mr. Hamilton
p. 32, l. 74	If you bomb a hot reactor, [illegible] a lot of radiation?	Dorigh	Mr. Hamilton
p. 26, l. 867	What degree of intelligence-sharing has occurred between the US and France with regard to the Iraqi nuclear program?	Stoessel	Mr. Broomfield
p. 28, l. 981	Has any US military equipment been delivered to Israel since June 7? How long is the suspension of the 4 F-16s expected to last? Will other US military equipment be delivered on schedule to Israel?	Stoessel	Mr. Broomfield
p. 30, l. 1032	Was the purpose of the Iraqi nuclear program to provide them with the capacity to manufacture nuclear weapons -- what were their intentions?	Stoessel	Mr. Solarz
p. 32, l. 1072	Re: Purchase of hot cell from Italy and would the facility have [illegible] to extract highly enriched uranium or plutonium from spent fuel in order to manufacture a bomb, and that there was no other self-evident purpose for a hot cell in their program, and that this has been a source of concern to us in terms of Iraq's ultimate intentions.	Dorigh	Mr. Solarz

P	05	760	Have we raised the question of legality of the violation of the Agreement?	Bloesser	Mr. Findley
P	43	054	Re: Mr. Lantos call to the administration (in the Congressional Record) to take immediate and effective action to remind our European friends to stop their ill-conceived promulgation of nuclear weapons.	Vellucci	Mr. Lantos
P	49	076	Did we ever make any intensive effort to convince the Iraqis, French envoy to Iraq to stop developing a nuclear capability?	Vellucci	Mr. Gilman
P	49	076	Comment on the accuracy of the statement [illegible] Iraq's [illegible] Arab countries should possess whatever is necessary to defend themselves.	Price	Mr. Gilman
P	50	088	Comment on Amb. Haidar's report (sent to Brazilian Subcom.) concerning Iraq's building counter-bomb that prevents Brazil from developing the same technology.	Price	Mr. Gilman
P	50	100	Comment on 7/24/90 report from Baghdad (Arabic daily paper) stating that the Iraqi people should not fear the Iraqi nuclear factor which was not intended to be used against Iran but against the Zionist enemy.	Price	Mr. Gilman
P	58	1000	Comment on CRS reports dealing with Iraq involved in production of a nuclear weapon; possible contamination of Baghdad from the bombing, etc.	Yeloes	Mr. Bower
P	60	1000	Did the US join with Israel in an appeal to France, Italy and the Netherlands asking them to abstain from the development of the nuclear facility in Iraq?	Vellucci	Mr. Fenwick

p. 70	1	1577	Are there plans for an initial agreement among nations which are able to supply enriched uranium?	Borich	[illegible]	Mr. Zenoff
p. 72	2	1668	Did our intelligence services make an assessment as late as Feb. 1981 of the nuclear weapon capability of the Osirak reactor?	Rose	[illegible]	Mr. Dornan
p. 73	1	6	Does the US feel that Israel may have acted in its legitimate self-defense? (Volcker said that Sterling in the process of issuing a legal determination one conclusion or the other.)	Volcker	[illegible]	Mr. Roth
p. 80	1		Were there in fact public hangings undertaken by Iraq on the main square of Basheed?	Volcker	[illegible]	Mr. Lantos
p. 82	1	7	Did the Begin statement to [illegible] ers a quite [illegible] where undertaken) lead to a consultation [illegible] ... And give examples of prior consultation in regard to strikes that might be considered pre-emptive from the US standpoint.	Volcker	[illegible]	Mr. Pindley